

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: J. A. Thompson
HIROCHIKA MATSUOKA)	
	:	Art Unit: 2625
Application No.: 09/902,760)	
	:	Conf. No.: 9589
Filed: July 12, 2001)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD,)	
IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,;)	
AND STORAGE MEDIUM)	December 22, 2006

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 22, 2006, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows. The changes to the claims are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2, and the Remarks begin at page 7.